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MEXICAN CITIZEN LIVING IN HARTFORD CHARGED WITH ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERING THE UNITED STATES

NEW HAVEN, CT—Kevin J. O'Connor, United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut, today announced that a federal grand jury sitting in New Haven has returned a one-count indictment charging Adelberto Arteaga-Rodriguez, 29, a citizen of Mexico residing in Hartford, Conn., with illegally re-entering the United States after he had been deported. The indictment was returned yesterday, June 16th.

The indictment alleges that Arteaga-Rodriguez was deported from the United States and then subsequently located in Hartford, Conn., although he had not reapplied for and been granted permission to re-enter the United States by the Attorney General of the United States.

If convicted, Arteaga-Rodriguez faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 10 years and a fine of up to \$250,000. If it is determined that Arteaga-Rodriguez was previously deported due to an aggravated felony conviction, he faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years.

United States Attorney O'Connor stressed that an indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial at which it is the government's burden to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) of the Department of Homeland Security, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anastasia Enos.

ICE

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.